

ACROSS THE OCEAN

PEACE ASSURED BETWEEN SERBIA

**Russia Non-Committal in Regard to Her
Future Course—The Strength of Her Arm
Increased.**
LONDON, Feb. 19.—The political corre-

pendence gives a detailed account of the strength of the Russian army, derived from authentic sources. It substantially confirms the statements in the reports from Kishineff, which appeared in the *Daily News* February 15th, but it makes the forces even more formidable. The Russian army south of the Caucasus, on the Asiatic frontier of Turkey, in readiness for action numbers 115,000, and has 35 field batteries and 200 heavy siege guns.

THE WAR IN THE EAST.

Russia Non-committal in Regard to Her Foreign Actions

A Berlin dispatch says it is stated in diplomatic quarters that the powers have already confidentially communicated to Russia the substance of the replies they intend to make to Prince Gortchakoff's circular. All have agreed to abstain from any interference until the Porte has proved itself incapable of carrying through the promised reforms. It is reported that Russia on her part will inform the powers of her intention and of the circumstances which make it impossible for her to forego immediate aid in interference, but she will give no indication of her eventual isolated actions.

Cable Dots.

Mr. Sydney Herbert, Conservative, was returned to Parliament yesterday for Writton, defeating Mr. Norris, the Liberal candidate, by a

A special from London, England, says: Strong efforts are being put forth to strengthen the Grand Trunk and Great Western Railways between Canada by means of a coalition.

A dispatch from Rotelchuk, Bulgaria, says: The Russian troops quartered in the villages along the Danube have been ordered to leave the country by the end of January, after having cost 60,000 on the 31st of January, to 75,000.

A telegram from Belgrade says: Negotiations for peace are proceeding favorably, and it is expected that a treaty of peace will be submitted to the great assemblies on the 15th inst.

A despatch from Vienna says: This report is current that Prince Abramovich has expressed his satisfaction to the Prince of Montenegro as to the progress of the negotiations between him and Com. Stanojevic, and he wished them good luck.

A Berlin dispatch announces that the proposition of Richard Wagner's "King of the Nibelungs," which was first produced last year, having been performed on account of the impairement of the composer.

The following is the program for the concert given at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York City, on Tuesday, February 17th, 1890:

No. 1.—Grieg's "Pavane."—The reports state the number of "lives on the relief works" was

DISHONESTY AND CRIME.

A Counterfeiter Killed by his Confederates.
[By Telegram to the National Republican.]

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 19.—On Thursday last the mutilated body of a man was found on the Pennsylvania Railroad, a short distance east of this city. The remains were identified as those of James H. Anderson, freight conductor, arrested a few weeks since for passing counterfeit \$20 greenbacks. Anderson, when arraigned for passing counterfeit money, confessed his crime and gave the names of several persons who he alleged, furnished him with the bogus money. He claimed that Anderson was thrown on the track by the United States authorities at Philadelphia on Tuesday, having entered to appear at that time

A WHISKY POOL.

Combination of All the Distillers in the United States.
[By Telegram to the National Republican.]

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—A combination of the distillers of the entire country, embracing nearly every important establishment in the United States, has been formed for the purpose of self-protection, and for pooling their interests.

plan is to deposit ten cents for each gallon of taxable spirits that is manufactured, and the same amount to be drawn from these accounts to be paid to the owner of the stills, or, in semi-monthly among all the distillers, in proportion to the capacity of their several distilleries. It is immaterial whether any still is in operation or not; the proprietor receives his proportion of this deposit, the same as though he distilled. The money so received is to be paid to the market price of whiskey will be raised to a figure at which money can be made. The smaller distillers will be enabled to sell their whiskey at the present rates, for they are actually losing money, while the larger distillers keep prices down below their lowest rates.

A DEFAULTING STATE TREASURER

The Wandering Lappington Returns and How he will be Received—in Prison.

(By Telegrams to the National Republican.)

(St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 19.—New facts con-

cerning the escape of Lappins, the defaulting Kansas State treasurer, from the Topeka jail some time ago, are now forthcoming, and show conclusively that Lappins' escape was due not only to the contrivance of outside friends of the prisoners in jail, but to various officers connected with the institution. Scarcely had Lappins, the defaulting partner, who fled to South America, written a friend in northern Kansas a few days ago that he was coming homeward. Elaborate preparations have been made to capture him should he attempt to do so.

Completion of a Texas Railroad.
GALVESTON, TEX., Feb. 19.—The Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railroad is now completed. The first train left Galveston for Harrisburg at 10 o'clock this morning, carrying 100 passengers, 100 tons of freight and 100 tons of mail. The completion of this road opens up a large portion of the country in western Texas, which has heretofore been without railroad communication.

Arrest of Four Men for Murder.
NASHVILLE, TENN., Feb. 19.—Four parties named Holt were arrested here by the United States marshal, for the murder of a man named Atlanta, charging them with having participated in the murder of a man named Atlanta. The four men were taken to the Nashville penitentiary, where they are being held for trial. The marshal is attempting to break up a large number of parties attempting to break up the Nashville penitentiary.

Death of Rear Admiral Rodgers' Mother.
[By Telegram to the National Republic.]
ROCK ISLAND, ILL., Feb. 19.—Miss Minerva Rodgers, widow of Commodore Rodgers, at the United States navy, died here last Saturday, at the age of ninety-two.

A Chicago Bank Failure.
[By Telegram to the National Republic.]
CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—The savings bank has closed its doors. Its deposits are \$1,000,000.

Mill Operators on a Strike.
NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Feb. 19.—The anticipated strike of the Wampanoag mill operatives has taken place to-day. The mills are preparing for war, and the operatives of other mills have vowed to aid in the strike.

No More War Between Turkey and Serbia.
LONDON, Feb. 20.—A special dispatch from Berlin says it is reported there that the conclusion of peace between Turkey and Serbia is now assured.

Destructive Fire in Connecticut.
HARTFORD, Ct., Feb. 10.—The store of the Loomis & Co. was burned on Saturday, and was hurriedly repaired. Loss of Loomis Bros. \$25,000. (City News letter, Feb. 10.)

Death from a Bite on a Thumb.
PROVIDENCE, Feb. 10.—Thomas Lockwood died at his home on Saturday, of a bite on the thumb by his dog. He was bitten on the thumb by his dog about five weeks ago.

Oil Consumption Collapsed.
LONDON, ENGL., Feb. 19.—The oil companies of the world will be unable to supply the